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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The two Japanese references were cited in the prosecution of the priority application, Japanese patent Application 2000-175764. For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts. In addition, Applicant notes that U.S. 5,537,231 is a counterpart of JPA05-63999.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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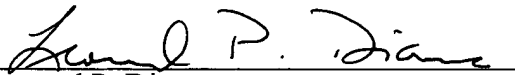
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We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

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